

MANIAC SEIZED TWO RAILROADS AND RAN THEM

Discharged Crews and
Switchmen and Hired
Tramps.

CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—After a fierce struggle, a dozen deputy sheriffs arrested and have confined in jail to-day a crazy man who, for six hours, disorganized two railroads by discharging twenty-four employees and operating the big switch tower at Cavanaugh Junction, Ind., where the Lake Shore and the Elgin, Joliet and Eastern railroads cross.

He is believed, from papers in his possession, to be A. C. Murphy, of No. 129 34th street, this city. He entered the tower yesterday and told the operator, W. J. Bate, that he was the new gardener.

"All right," said Bate, "hope you're well."

"You're too fresh," the lunatic answered, "and I'll discharge you. I don't admire your red hair, anyway."

"Nor do I like that red nose of yours," replied the operator, with a laugh which turned to an expression of horror as the crazy man picked up a popping-pin to enforce his order. Bate jumped from the tower, and the fellow had it all his own way.

A passenger train came thundering along and the man flung it. Then, as the engine came up to the station, he threw the switch on the Lake Shore and almost wrecked a freight train.

A crowd of tramps came along and Murphy turned them aside. He discharged the whole yard crew, threw all the switches, opened all the telegraph keys and started the coupling pin at any one who ventured near. Trackmen and engineers tried to mount the tower to take him, but he was master of the situation.

Trains were blocked for twenty miles on every line affected, and there was excitement enough for a civil war when a messenger was sent to the next telegraph station for police aid. A special train was made up at Hammond, and after a long delay the police followed the tower.

The deputy sheriffs to enter the tower, and he was captured on him and soon taken to jail.

GAMBLERS' CAVE IN CELLAR OF SALOON

Sleuths Followed Buzzer Wire

Until They Found a

Trap Door.

In Harlem Court to-day Detectives Meade and Donahue, twenty-eight years old, a bartender, whom they charged with aiding and abetting a gambling house. Ballestro is employed at the saloon, No. 24 East One Hundred and Eighth street, and the detectives said he operated a system of buzzers to warn a crowd of gamblers in the cellar.

The police have received many complaints of gambling in the neighborhood, and for two weeks have been trying to get evidence. They decided that the gamblers met somewhere about the saloon, but they had searched the place from top to bottom without success. Yesterday afternoon, they went in and found a trap door.

When Ballestro leaned back carelessly against the shelves behind the bar, there was a faint sound like a muffled rattlesnake somewhere in the distance. They searched the bar shelves, ripping this out, the following wire.

They jumped boards, tore through partitions and broke downstairs until the wire disappeared under the floor of the back room of the place.

Pulled up the old cloth cover and found a trap door. Opening this, they looked down into a cavern where twenty gamblers were sitting about boxes and kegs, playing "ragamuffin" when the police called Italian poker.

The police had previously searched the building, but the subterranean gambling room was made by a blind wall of masonry put across a rear section of the cellar. Persons in the underground room could be warned of danger by a buzzer rang from the bottom behind the bar and the police think it may have been used for secret society meetings as well as gambling.

The card players were not arrested, because the detectives said the head gambler was not among them. Ballestro was discharged by Magistrate Barlow.

SLEUTH IS CHARGED WITH KIDNAPPING

Detective Farley, Sent to Get
Turman Haff in Dakota,
Can't Take Him.

John Haff, a wealthy turman interested in several business enterprises in this city and the West, who was indicted for child desertion two weeks ago and taken into custody at Pierre, S. Dak., where, he declared, he intended to establish himself for the purpose of obtaining a divorce, cannot be extradited to this city until a charge of attempted kidnapping against Detective Farley, who was sent after Haff, is heard and decided in the Circuit Court of Pierre.

When Detective Farley, after securing extradition papers from the Governor of South Dakota, attempted to remove Haff, the latter's counsel, C. H. Barrett, prevented the departure of the detective and his prisoner by suing out a writ of habeas corpus, in which he charged the detective with attempted kidnapping. Judge Boucher, at the term to be held in Pierre on Jan. 15, will decide the issue.

Haff declares that the effort to get him back to New York is due solely to his wife, who, in damage proceedings, has named a prominent society woman, attributing her companionship with Haff to the latter's separation from Mrs. Haff. The child desertion charge, he adds, was trumped up for the purpose of compelling testimony from him in the damage suit.

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Actress Advises Mrs. Russell Sage How to Use Part of Her Great Fortune



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RECORDERSHIP FOR SALE, THE CHARGE

City Hall Full of Rumors That
Aldermen Have Offered to
Sell Their Votes.

With three votes needed by the Republican Aldermen to elect a Recorder a week from Monday it is rumored at the City Hall that friends of the candidates have been given to understand, with a directness not to be misunderstood, that the necessary votes may be had for money.

While no one will openly vouch for the stories, the gossip has it that some members of the board see in the election of a Recorder the first promising opening for graft which has been presented to them during their term.

In the board are thirty-seven Republican members, and forty are required to elect James Cowden Meyer, the Republican leader of the board, is the Republican candidate. His friends had been counting on enough Municipal Ownership men to give him forty-three votes at least. In the last two days disquieting reports have reached them and it is admitted that they are not as confident as they were.

It is reported that Tammany has captured two or three Municipal Ownership Aldermen by promises of the regular Tammany nominations for re-election. As the salary of an Alderman is now \$2,000 a year, the holders of the office are not loth to take the bait.

Thomas F. McAvoy is the only Tammany man mentioned so far in connection with the Recordership.

HE GOES TO TOMBS INSTEAD OF EUROPE.

Man Indicted for Fraudulent Failure Rearrested on Eve of Departure.

Acting upon information that Max Schiesel, who was indicted a couple of years ago in connection with an alleged fraudulent failure, was about to sail for Europe, District Attorney Jerome ordered his arrest to-day. His bond was only \$500. Recorder Goff called it to \$2,000 and Schiesel was picked up in the Tombs.

He was in the cloak and suit business at No. 122 Greene street, when he failed on Dec. 20, 1903, with liabilities of \$165,000. The Merchants' Protective Association secured evidence to show that he had transferred property for the purpose of defrauding his creditors and secured his indictment. Through some mysterious influence Schiesel has been able to avoid trial.

ACTOR MITCHELL DEAD.

BOSTON, Dec. 27.—Frank Mitchell, a well-known vaudeville actor, died suddenly here last night.

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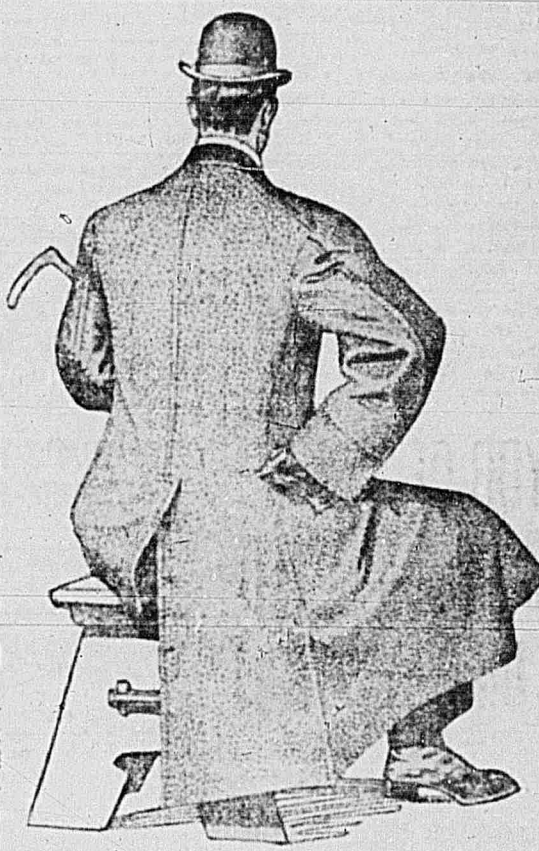
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OVERCOATS of black and Oxford strictly all-wool melton, semi-fitted and box models. Overcoats of strictly all-wool Oxford and black worsted cheviot; semi-fitted and box model; values up to \$15..... \$10

OVERCOATS of high-grade black and Oxford melton; semi and fitted back models. Overcoats of worsted and velour, in black, Oxford, Cambridge gray and blue gray; semi and fitted back models. Overcoats of smart tweeds, in plain wale and herringbone weaves; newest London and twilight gray; extreme fitted back and button through models. Because of excellent fabric and journeyman tailoring the values are up to \$22.50..... \$14.50

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Suits in Sailor, Russian and Kimono styles for boys 3 to 10, and Dudley 4-in-one Suits (with extra trousers); knickerbocker and double-breasted jacket Suits, in sizes 8 to 16. Values, both suits and overcoats, are properly \$5 and \$6 because of excellent fabric and tailoring..... \$3.95

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